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1. A stencil printing machine comprising:  
a plurality of printing drums;  
a control section controlling a stencil printing process  
so that even if the printing drum that is not used in the current  
stencil printing process is in an error state, the stencil  
printing process is performed by using other printing drums.
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2. The stencil printing machine according to claim 1, further  
comprises:  
a printing drum absence detection section comprising  
detectors provided to a corresponding printing drum detecting  
whether or not each of the printing drums is mounted in the stencil  
printing machine;  
a discharged stencil sheet box absence detection section  
comprising detectors provided to a corresponding printing drum  
detecting whether or not the discharged stencil sheet box is  
mounted in the corresponding printing drum; and  
a discharged stencil sheet box full detection section  
comprising detectors provided to a corresponding discharged  
stencil sheet box detecting whether or not the discharged stencil  
sheet box is filled with used stencil sheets,  
wherein each printing drum further comprises:  
an ink container detection section detecting  
whether or not the ink container is mounted in the  
corresponding printing drum; and  
an ink sensor section detecting whether or  
not an ink is filled in the corresponding ink  
container in the printing drum,  
wherein the control section controls the stencil printing process  
based on detection results of the above detection sections.
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3. The stencil printing machine according to claim 1, further  
comprises an operation panel displaying error information and

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